

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Shaw/Anderson Hardwoods Site 890 Revolutionary, Fairfax, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through January 27, 2014.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 13-6244-NRP, will affect approximately 55.5 acres identified by tax map number 123-00-065. A company known as Allendale Correctional Worship Center, Inc. (Allendale) will acquire the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Allendale.

The property was used in the past as a sawmill and wood flooring manufacturer. The Property is bounded generally by undeveloped land to the north with United States Highway 278 beyond; to the east by undeveloped woodlands; to the south by South Carolina State Road 47 (Revolutionary Trail) with undeveloped woodlands and agricultural land beyond; to the west by undeveloped land.

Allendale intends to use the Property as worship center and rehabilitation facility for former inmates. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Allendale to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. Allendale did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Allendale responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Allendale will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Allendale will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Allendale will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to return Brownfield sites to productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 27, 2014. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer, email <u>FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov</u>, telephone (803) 898-0932 or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.